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October 7th, 1916

Professor J. Fletcher,

University College.

Dear Professor Fletcher:

Dr. Abbott informs me that there are applications from 18 teachers in Toronto for winter work in Latin. May I ask you if you will be kind enough to arrange for classes in your Department for these students, who we are assured will appreciate greatly anything that the University can do for them ? I realise fully that with our depleted staff this is to put a heavy burden upon you, but I hope that you will not find it impossible to arrange for this extra work.

I am also writing to Professor Bell.

Yours sincerely,

President.

November 2nd, 1916

Professor Fletcher,
Department of Latin.

Dear Professor Fletcher:

It is necessary for us to appoint immediately a member from your department to conduct the Correspondence Classes in connection with the second year general course work, during the present winter. Will you please let me know at once whom you would like to nominate ? If you wish to see me on this matter I will be glad to make an appointment.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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January 12th, 1917

Professor J. Fletcher,

582 Huron Street,

Toronto.

Dear Professor Fletcher:

At a meeting of the Board of Governors held yesterday leave of absence was granted to you during the rest of the session.

The Board regret that your health has been so poor, but hope that the rest will thoroughly restore you.

Yours sincerely,

President.

February 28th, 1917

Mrs. Fletcher,

Bellevue Apartments,

Melbourne, Florida.

Dear Mrs. Fletcher:

I am very glad to hear from you that Professor Fletcher has improved so much since you went South. The account that you give of the place and of your quiet life in such a delightful climate carries me back to my boyhood days when I lived in perpetual summer. A rest in such surroundings will surely be the best means of enabling Professor Fletcher to regain his strength and I hope that the process will be both speedy and effective.

The cold weather has continued with us to the present. To-day is about the first day in which we have had anything like spring in the air, and even now when the sun drops the temperature is quite sharp.

You may have heard that for the last fortnight the central buildings of the University have been closed down on account of lack of coal. This has been a serious business for us all, but perhaps two-thirds of the work has been arranged for in buildings that have not been connected with the central plant, and elsewhere. The chief lack has been in laboratory provision. With the rising temperature the railways have loosened up somewhat and coal has come in so that we hope to be fully under way again next Monday.

Professor Oswald Smith has not been very well and is away at present. Otherwise we have had no special incidents in academic life that I remember at present.

You are in a country which is now swithering and possibly before you get this letter you will have been plunged into war a second time within three years. I hope that if America comes in it will shorten things.

You will be glad to know that I have had word from Sir George Perley that they hope to bring our Hospital back from Salonica by degrees before next summer. He speaks in the warmest terms of the work that they did. Lieutenant-Colonel Hendry is now in command, and Colonel Roberts is in charge at Taplow.

Please remember me kindly to Professor Fletcher,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

July 4th, 1917

Dear Mrs. Fletcher:

President Falconer asked me to prepare the enclosed application for the Carnegie Foundation as far as we had information and to send it to you to have Professor Fletcher sign it and put any additional information he may think should be put down.

Will you please let me have it back by Thursday so that the President may sign it before he leaves Toronto ?

Yours very truly,

President's Secretary.